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Council members,

My name is Cheyenne rumens, an employee of Travis Industries.

I am writing to encourage you to not push through regulations on natural gas in new construction.

I urge you to think back to December 2021 when 246 Texans lost their lives to freezing temperatures and power loss. These people had no source of heat, and thus froze to death in many cases. As Washington winters have become colder and longer, banning the use of natural gas in new construction will subject washington residents to those same devastating losses.

I sat in on the hearing today and I heard multiple arguments stating that natural gas stoves in homes attribute to health issues among family members because gas stoves are constantly leaking gas. As someone who built these stoves for a year on our assembly line, I know first hand this is a fallacy because each and every one of our stoves are burn tested on the line and thoroughly tested for leaks.

There are plenty of bigger contributors to greenhouse gasses in Washington state so instead of skipping crucial steps to ensure our grid can handle this increased electrification, I encourage you to think of the people and the devastation that can come of passing these new regulations

Thank you.

Cheyenne Rumens